

Living on the family farm

Casey Schremp can't imagine living anywhere else

By Amanda Marney, Editor

The family farm is very important to Casey Schremp of Perryville. She lives on her 100-acre family farm with her father, and notes that her grandmother also lives on this Perry County farm. The Schremps own and operate a cow-calf operation.

"I have lived on the family farm all of my life. I would not want to live anywhere else and plan on raising my family on a farm," says Schremp, who serves as Missouri YF Vice-President/Reporter and is a senior at Southeast Missouri State University. "Living on the farm has taught me responsibility. I could not do anything else until the animals were fed...I have raised bottle calves, show steers and heifers, rabbits, chickens and a couple of goats."

Schremp has been active in 4-H and FFA through the years. She has shown livestock at local fairs, participated in judging teams and was involved in the Missouri Agribusiness Academy in addition to holding chapter and area FFA offices. She has earned her American FFA Degree. Now, as a student at Southeast Missouri State, she is double majoring in Agribusiness/Animal Science and Social Work.

"I like working with both people and animals," says Schremp. "I could not decide which field I enjoyed more, so I chose both."

When not in school, Schremp is busy as an intern at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Jackson. She also works part-time at Steve and Julie's Greenhouse in Perryville.

Schremp became involved in Missouri Young Farmers four years ago. She became interested in the organization through her agriculture instructors.

"I liked FFA and continued learning...and I knew some of the YF members from other organizations. I feel that the Missouri Young Farmers is very beneficial as it offers a variety of educational programs," notes Schremp. "Technology is always changing, and we need to keep up with it. New technology can be scary when you do not know what you are doing. People helping other people learn by showing them how to do things in a real-life scenario can be more useful than just reading the directions. YF really helps in that way."



Casey Schremp is a senior at Southeast Missouri State University.

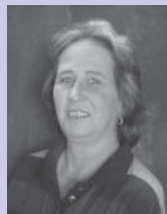
Schremp says an important part of managing a farm is to stay informed of new research and technology that is available to farmers. She also says it is important to know what's available to farmers in terms of USDA programs.

"I also feel it is important for farmers to network," concludes Schremp. "You can do this through organizations such as Missouri YF or local coops. By networking, you can create alliances that will allow you to receive a premium for your agricultural products, such as premium beef. Networking can open a lot of doors for the family farm."

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Coberleys' Corner



By Bob and Debbi Coberley

Presidents, Missouri Young Farmers and Missouri Young Farm Wives

Hello everyone! We hope this edition finds you in good spirits, good health and enjoying a good harvest. The weather still has not cooperated very well. We are super dry here in Southwest Missouri. We hope that it has been better for all of you. There have been very few fall hay cuttings. It will be a long time 'till April!

It is October once again. My, how time flies! District meetings and Missouri YF/YFW State Convention are just around the corner. It has been a very busy year for the Executive Committee this year. We are busy finalizing plans for the state convention. We hope to see everyone there this year. We are looking forward to seeing our new members there, also! It will be a fun and educational time.

Probably by now, most of your chapters have had their kick-off meetings for the 2005-2006 year. Both of us have been trying to attend as many of these meetings as possible. It is always interesting to see how each chapter fills the needs of their members. During our visits, one thing that we have noticed is the interest of all to increase membership in all chapters. It is important for us, too. We want to make sure we "get the word out" about our great association! We are glad to see others working towards this goal as well, and are very proud of the members and advisors for making this come to pass! We thank you for the invitations and the hospitality. If you would like for us to visit your chapter meeting, be sure and give us a call.

Both of us would like to take this time to thank you for all of your support this year. We want you to know that we are proud of our association and our members. It has been a great year and experience for us. We have enjoyed serving as your presidents and working with such an outstanding executive committee and membership!

We hope that your trails are smooth and the wind is always at your back. We will see you in Lake Ozark in February! May God bless and keep you, everyone!

Notice:

A constitutional proposal was submitted to the executive committee by three chapters, for consideration by the delegates at the 2006 State Convention to be held Feb. 4 & 5, 2006. The proposal asks the delegates to merge the Missouri Young Farmers and the Missouri Young Farm Wives organizations into one organization to be known as the Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives. Information about the proposal and a proposed constitution was mailed to each chapter advisor and chapter president (as listed on the 04-05 rosters). For more information regarding the proposal, contact your district president or the executive committee.

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Attn: Missouri YF/YFW members

See what this ag ed website has to offer you

By Norman Rohrbach

Missouri Adult Agricultural Education Coordinator

The Farm Business Management Analysis program has hosted a web site for a number of years, but the advent of new web capabilities and increased numbers of Young Farmers and FBMA producers with internet access meant it was time for an update. The result is a re-designed site that provides great information for adult agriculture instructors and the clientele they work with throughout the state.

We started by surveying instructors about what they would like to see on an adult agriculture education web site. We received good input about types of adult education resources information they would like to be able to easily access, as well as information they thought their producers would be interested in accessing. After considering all of the various responses, the decision was made to broaden the scope of the site to include the three main emphases of adult agricultural education in Missouri, namely Farm Business Management Analysis, Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives and Adult Education Classes.

Over the next several months, we started putting together folders of information that would be accessed from the site. Once everything was put together, Brad Parker, MU graduate student in Agricultural Education (and computer handyman) built the site. The new site is accessed at the address: adultaged.missouri.edu. It is being updated at the beginning of each month. Sandy Kaiser and I are responsible for the information, and the staff of the Agricultural Electronic Bulletin Board (AgEBB) in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR) is responsible for the maintenance of the site.

In addition to providing information to the folks that we know, we also wanted to provide information to those who may not yet be familiar with our programs. Thus, a Missouri map is provided that links users to adult programs in each county of the state where they exist. We also provide necessary contact information for follow-up. Also included on the site is information for teachers and producers around the state who may be interested in starting new adult education programs in their area.

Of particular interest to Missouri YF and YFW will be access to state convention and tour information as well as other activity dates and locations as they become available.

Finally, one of the most useful and practical components on the site is a menu choice within the FBMA menu entitled "**Management Information on the Web**". This selection takes you to what I call a "composite Favorites List" of agricultural sites that most producers will find useful in accessing day-to-day agricultural information. The list is sorted by subject and should be very helpful, particularly to "new" internet users who may not have their own "favorites list" established yet. And, there may be some new sites of interest there for "seasoned surfers".

I encourage and ask all of you to check out adultaged.missouri.edu. Also, we would appreciate your suggestions for improvements to the site. You are welcome to e-mail me at rohrbachn.missouri.edu, or call me at (573) 882-7379.

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Summer tour 2006

Chillicothe Chapter to host next year's event

By Amy Prokop

Missouri YF Vice-President/Sentinel

The 2006 Missouri State YF/YFW Summer Tour will be held in Chillicothe, Mo. The dates are set for July 30, 31, and Aug. 1. We hope to have a great turn out.

As of now, the plans are to have a meet and greet Sunday evening. We hope to have antique tractors, musket shooting demonstrations and local women who spin with llama fibers. We are working on other interesting things for that event as well! Although tour stops have not been finalized, we want to let you know that Trans Ova Genetics will definitely be one of the stops in the tour. This genetics facility specializes in embryo transfer in cattle. We hope to see you next July in Chillicothe!

Editor's note: If you have questions about next year's summer tour or would like to volunteer to help, contact Amy Prokop at (660) 707-0269 or aprokop@greenhills.net.

Missouri YF/YFW 2006

Make plans now to attend

By Bob and Debbi Coberley
Missouri YF/YFW Presidents

It's time for State Convention! It is unbelievable how time gets away so quickly! The YF/YFW Executive Committee is working very hard this year to make this the best convention ever.

This year's event will be held at The Resort at Port Arrowhead in Lake Ozark, Mo. The dates are February 4 and 5, 2006. To get to the resort, follow Hwy. 54 through Osage Beach to the Bagnell Dam turnoff. Go north approximately 3/4 of a mile to the resort, which will be on your left. If you are coming from the East, you will see the Bagnell Dam turnoff as you come into Osage Beach.

As always, education is a top priority for the convention. There will be several workshops to attend. For information on specific workshop topics and/or speakers, refer to the schedule of events on Page 6.

Entertainment this year will be Trent Loos. Loos is a farmer, rancher and radio host with a special love for folks who lead the same life he has chosen.

Casey Schremp has been making plans for the craft show. If you have anything to enter, please bring it with you. If your chapter has done a project together, bring that also. According to Schremp, you can bring photography, scrapbooks, quilting, woodworking or anything else that you have made this past year.

There will also be a Toy Show this year. If you have any toy tractor or machinery, or other toys that you would like to bring, please do so. There will be security provided for the toys. If you need more information, contact Jeff Bergman, Mike Klem or Tom Fenner.

Another interesting aspect of the convention to note is the Spokesperson Contest. You will find more information about specific rules on Page 5.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 with workshops to follow. Vespers will be at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 with the Delegate Session to follow.

There have been letters submitted to the Executive Committee from the Chillicothe Chapter of Young Farmers, California Young Farm Wives and the East Newton Young Farm Wives for a merger of the two associations. Information on the merger is available on Page 2. Your local advisor also has information on the proposed merger. This matter will be presented in the Delegate Session for the delegates to vote on.

If you pre-register for this year's State Convention, you will be eligible to win a door prize. You must be present to win.

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You won't want to

Bryan and Kelly Bethel • Wildlife Cooking

Back for another year are Bryan and Kelly Bethel to show you how to prepare wild game. Bryan works for the Missouri Department of Conservation as an Outdoor Skills Coordinator. When not teaching citizens about hunting, fishing, boating and other outdoor activities, Bryan enjoys spending time in the outdoors with his wife Kelly and son Jacob. Though Kelly is an elementary school counselor for Linn Elementary in Osage County, she has developed the necessary cooking skills to prepare the wild game that Bryan and Jacob bring home.

Dr. Charles Massengill • Disease Threats to our Livestock Herds

Dr. Massengill will be speaking about the many diseases that are of concern to the Show-Me State's livestock producers and consumers. Massengill is an epidemiologist with the Jefferson City Federal Cooperative – Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory as well as the State Field Veterinarian. This session will be offered during two different time slots.

Nathan Maddox and D. Kent Shannon • GIS and GPS

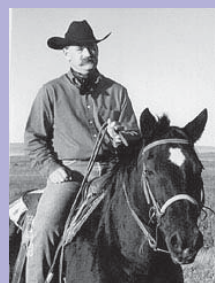
Nathan Maddox and D. Kent Shannon will be sharing with us what is happening in the fields of GIS and GPS and how this growing area of knowledge and technology will be affecting agriculture and other aspects of our lives – directly and indirectly – in the future. Mattox serves as a Geospatial Extension Specialist at the University of Missouri. Shannon is the Missouri Precision Agriculture Center's Associate Director.

Henry Rentz • Renewable Energy

Henry Rentz will be reviewing energy options, specifically renewable energy. With traditional energy sources experiencing record rate hikes, it's a good idea to know what options are available to you. Renewable energy is simply any energy source that is replenished at least as fast as it is used. Standard examples are solar, wind, hydroelectric and biomass products. Rentz is the owner of Missouri Valley Renewable Energy.

Trent Loos • Banquet Entertainment

Trent Loos is a sixth generation United States farmer who has taken his passion for a rural lifestyle to the radio air waves with a program called Loos Tales. Trent has a background in livestock production but his desire to bridge the gap between farmers and consumers led him to a career in radio broadcasting and public speaking. With the guidance of some seasoned radio veterans who were willing to take him under their wing, Trent has expanded his radio audience to listeners all across the country. He records, produces



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miss these workshops!

and sends his radio programs from wherever his travels take him using his laptop computer and the internet. Trent was raised on a diversified farm near Quincy, IL. He entered the hog business at a young age and has been involved in livestock production ever since. He and his wife Kelli operate a purebred Limousin and Angus cow herd. They enjoy working cattle, training horses and raising their two daughters on the ranch in central Nebraska.

Calling All Speakers . . .

*We need you to compete
in Spokesperson for Agriculture contest!*

*By Casey Shremp
Missouri YF Vice-President/Reporter*

Did you know that some people are more afraid of giving a speech than death? Have you ever been lost in an agriculture-related conversation because you did not know much about the topic? Well, here is your chance to gain confidence in speaking and learn more about an agriculture topic of your choice. We are looking for contestants for the Spokesperson for Agriculture contest.

The contest will be held at State Convention on Saturday morning, Feb. 4. Contestants present a prepared, five-minute statement on a current agricultural or environmental topic that will provide a positive perspective of agriculture/renewable resources to an audience of consumers and producers. In addition to the five-minute statement, contestants must answer questions concerning any facet of agriculture and his/her background for up to 10 minutes. Questions in the 10-minute questioning period will be asked by the judges. The objectives of the Spokesperson for Agriculture contest as stated by the national organization are as follows: 1. To provide an educational program that inspires participation from the majority of the chapters belonging to the NYFEA; 2. To enhance public speaking skills of men and women from all parts of the world by encouraging competition; 3. To further educate the general public about issues facing agriculture in this nation and world; 4. To provide a rewarding and fun-filled experience where contestants, advisors and sponsors will be excited about participation.

The state winner will receive a plaque at state convention. State winners are eligible to compete at the national level so they will also receive paid registration and \$200 for expenses towards the 2006 National Young Farmer Institute. More information about this contest can be found at www.nyfea.org/public/spokesperson.asp. Please contact a state officer or Lisa Evans if you have any questions.

Don't forget door prizes

*By Chris Schaefer and
Casey Shremp*

Do you like to receive good door prizes at convention? State Convention is fast approaching and we need everyone to be collecting door prizes. Door prizes for men, women and children are needed. Everyone likes to win – and the more prizes there are, the more chances everyone has. Hope to see you at convention!

Attend Vespers

*By Chris Schaefer
Missouri YFW 1st Vice President/Past President*

Vespers will once again be held Sunday morning. Dennis and Diane Hopke, who did a wonderful job last year, have agreed to head Vespers at this year's convention. This is a time to reflect on the friendships made and strengthened during convention, as well as a time to set your mind on the coming year.

Becky Plattner

Missouri YF State Convention

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9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Craft Contest Entries
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<u>Seminars and Workshops</u> “Cow Tipping” – <i>John Travlos, AgEBB, University of MO-Columbia</i> “Living Wills” – <i>Connie Haden, Attorney at Law, Blackwell, Sanders, Peper & Martin, Kansas City</i>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Women’s group service projects – <i>Suzie Beck, Chillicothe YFW</i>
10:30 am – 4:30 pm	Trade Show
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Spokesperson for Agriculture Contest
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Luncheon
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm	<u>Seminars and Workshops</u> Disease threats to our livestock herds - <i>Dr. Charles Massengill, State Field Veterinarian.</i> “Renewable energy” – <i>Henry Rentz, owner of Missouri Valley Renewable Energy</i> “Women in Agriculture” – <i>Becky Plattner, Saline County, MO Presiding Commissioner</i>
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm	<u>Seminars and Workshops</u> “Disease threats to our livestock herds - <i>Dr. Charles Massengill, State Field Veterinarian.</i> “GIS and GPS” – <i>Nathan Mattox and D. Kent Shannon, University of MO – Columbia</i> “Wildlife Cooking” – <i>Bryan & Kelly Bethel – Missouri Department of Conservation Outdoor Skills Coordinator</i>
6:00 pm	Social
6:30 pm	Opening Session Banquet Entertainment – <i>Trent Loos</i>

Sunday, February 5, 2006

7:30 am	Vespers
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Second General Session/Breakfast
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives Delegate Session

2006 State Convention Registration

Missouri Young Farmers and Young Farm Wives

February 4th & 5th, 2006 – The Resort at Port Arrowhead, Lake Ozark, Missouri

Mail to: Lisa Evans, Agricultural Education, Dept. of Elem. & Sec. Education, P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102

Name: _____

Chapter: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Past State Officer Yes ☐ No ☐

Evening Banquet Only - \$20.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Kids (6-12) Banquet only \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Pre-registration

Option 1—paid by January 27, 2006 (no exceptions)

2 days - Adults— \$ 35 x _____ = \$ _____

Kids (6 -12) - \$ 17.50 x _____ = \$ _____

Kids (5 & under) - no cost number: _____

1 day - Adults— \$ 25 x _____ = \$ _____

Kids (6 -12) - \$ 12.50 x _____ = \$ _____

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Kids (6 -12) - \$ 25. x _____ = \$ _____

Kids (5 & under) - no cost number: _____

1 day - Adults— \$ 35 x _____ = \$ _____

Kids (6 -12) - \$ 17.50 x _____ = \$ _____

Kids (5 & under) - no cost number: _____

Registration fee includes the meal functions. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Evans at (573) 751-8467

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Mail to:

The Resort at Port Arrowhead

3080 Bagnell Dam Boulevard

P.O. Box 1930

Lake Ozark, MO 65049

Phone: (573) 365-2334 Toll Free (800) 532-3575

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ROOM BLOCK EXPIRES – JANUARY 20, 2006

Northwest District works together for Show-Me Tractor Pull

By Jodi Duncan

Missouri YFW Vice-President/Treasurer

There was a major event that affected all of the Missouri YF/YFW members in Northwest Missouri this past summer. It was the Show-Me Tractor Cruise.

Tractorcades and tractor rides have been going on for years. One of the most famous one was in 1977 conducted by the American Agricultural Movement when hundreds of farmers in tractors came in to almost all Capitol cities in every state including Washington D.C. After a few years of dreaming, KFEQ radio, Farm Director, Tom Brand turned this dream into reality.

The First Show-Me Tractor Cruise was in 2003 with 87 tractors and donations reaching \$35,000. Each year has steadily grown and the current year was no exception with 400+ tractors registered and over \$55,000 raised in donations. Camp Quality has been the beneficiary for the donations. The 2003 fundraiser was the largest ever for Camp Quality in Northwest Missouri and in fact, for any Camp Quality in the nation.

King City's local YF/YFW chapters were also able to have a part in the 2005 event. The chapters worked together and were responsible for the afternoon lunch that was provided for all riders in the tractor cruise. The next cruise is scheduled for June 24, 2006. Further information may be found on the show-metractorcruise.com website.



Southeast District full of activity

By Casey Shremp

Missouri YF Vice-President/Reporter

The leaves are turning their beautiful fall colors and winter is fast approaching. As we go to press, harvest is taking place. Crop yields differ from farm to farm as some received more rainfall this past growing season.

The Dexter Chapter plans to have a reorganization meeting at the end of November. The planned speaker will give a talk on fertilizer applications on the soil. Mr. Kinsey, agriculture education teacher, speaks of the Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives as a great program and continues to motivate the Dexter chapter to become active again.

The Jackson Chapter has been busy with their petal tractor pulls. They put on approximately 20 events during the spring, summer and fall all over the region. The money they raise is given in the form of a \$350 scholarship to a graduating senior that is pursuing agriculture. The chapter had a family picnic this fall to invite new members into their program. Members are encouraged to bring in new prospects. In fact, the member with the most guests wins a prize. The bond issue for new school buildings passed this year, thanks in part to the Jackson YF holding informational meetings to inform the voters on the issue.

The Perryville Chapter went on a float trip this summer. The float lasted all afternoon and was complete with a campfire meal along the way. This fall they had a fundraiser by working at a food stand at a local fair. The annual hog butchering will be in January. There are about four or five hogs harvested and processed at the event. Not only do the families wanting the pork participate, but the whole chapter gets involved.

The Southeast District meeting is planned for Jan. 13, 2006 at the Hickory Log Restaurant in Dexter, Mo. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with program to follow.

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CropLife Ambassador Network: Back to the Classroom

Ginger Berry of Missouri Ag Industries Council, Inc. describes her experience as an ambassador with the CropLife Ambassador Network (CAN) as “one of the best times of my life.”

Kids have a knack for making your day. Ask a question and the hands fly up with the sounds of “Oh, Oh!” Watch their eyes when they learn that satellites are used in farming or that soybeans can be made into crayons. Then, there’s the child in the front who can define biotechnology better than you, and just for a moment you wonder who should be teaching whom!

But who better to teach about the safety and value of our industry than those of us working in it day in and day out. CAN’s ambassadors instill factual information about agriculture in young minds before misconception can take hold. It takes much less energy and time to teach the facts to youth than to change the misconceptions of adults.

Advocating for agriculture CAN be easy with the classroom presentations that are downloadable from the CAN website, <http://ambassador.maca.org>. A benefit of joining the network is having

the school contacts made for you. All that is required of you is a few hours of your time and enthusiasm for your industry.

Current presentations that can be downloaded from our web site include America’s Abundance, Feeding Planet Earth, Environmental Stewardship, Biotechnology, and Careers in Crop Protection.

“The CropLife Ambassador Network is a great opportunity to expand my reach to a group of people I couldn’t reach through the extension service,” states April Borders, who serves as a Certified Crop Advisor. “My job is primarily working with adults, however, the future lies with our youth and the CropLife Ambassador Network gave me the avenue to talk with kids, who may be our future policy makers, about the public misconceptions of agriculture. Even though the students live in the middle of corn and soybean country, they are out of touch with agriculture.”

Don’t miss out on the chance to have the best time of your life and to catch a child’s enthusiasm. Who knows, maybe one day that child in the front will be working with you or more importantly as a policy maker.

To join the CropLife Ambassador Network or for more information visit our website, <http://ambassador.maca.org>, email

2006 Missouri YF/YFW District Meeting Schedule

January 4 – Central District

Santa Fe High School, Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
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(660) 335-9968, RR 2, Box 14A, Sweet Springs, MO 65351
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January 7 – Northwest District

King City High School, Registration begins at 6 p.m.,
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Jodi Duncan, District President, (816) 526-2060
825 State Rt. J, Guilford, MO 64457

January 13 – Southeast District

Hickory Log Restaurant, Dexter, Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Casey Schremp, District President, (573) 547-2049
1345 PCR 916, Perryville, MO 63775

January 14 – South Central District

Fatima High School, Westphalia. Dinner at 6 p.m.
Contact: Jeremia Markway, Advisor, (573) 455-2375, Ext. 172
Fatima High School, 143 E. Main, P.O. Box 37,
Westphalia, MO 65085-0037

January 14 – Southwest District

Theibaud Auditorium, Lamar, Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Joe Pace, Advisor, (417) 682-3384
Lamar High School, 202 W. 7th, Lamar, MO 64759-1285

January 20 – Northeast District

Fayette High School, Dinner at 6 p.m.
Contact: Mike Klem, District President, (660) 857-4417
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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

Dec. 2-3, MO Livestock Symposium, Kirksville, MO
Dec. 3, Rural Life Day, Lincoln University
Dec. 4-5, 2005 MO Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting, Tantar-A
Dec. 8-11, MO Cattle Industry Convention, Columbia, MO

JANUARY

Jan. 4-27, Pesticide Applicator Training, Statewide
Jan. 8-11, American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention, Nashville, Tenn.
Jan. 9-13 MU Hazardous Waste Winter Institute, Columbia, MO
Jan. 10-11, MU Agroforestry Training Workshop, Columbia, MO
Jan. 19-22, 114th Annual Missouri Veterinary Medical Association Convention, Branson, MO
Jan. 27-28, Missouri Dairy Forum, Osage Beach, MO

FEBRUARY

Feb. 4-5, Missouri YF/YFW State Convention, Osage Beach, MO
Feb. 17-19, MU Specialty Mushroom Production and Marketing Workshop, Columbia, MO
Feb. 23-24, Missouri Pork Expo, Columbia, MO
Feb. 25-26, Missouri Equine Council 16th Annual Equine Education Celebration, Columbia, MO

MARCH

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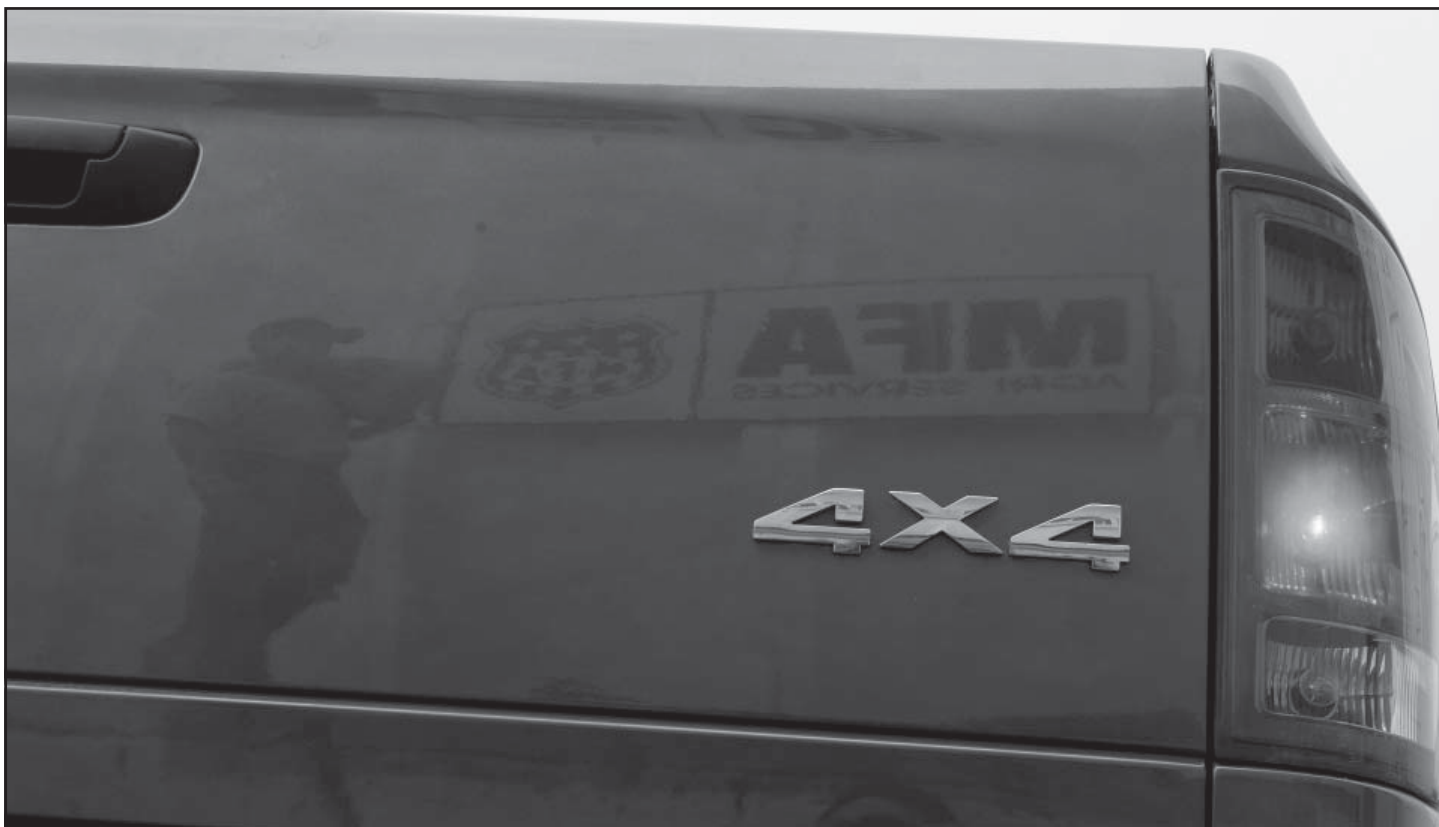
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